

VITICULTURE.

PROGRESS MADE IN THE SAN JOAQUIN DISTRICT.

Report of Commissioner Geo. West—Review of Vineyard Products, and the Outlook.

George West, Viticultural Commissioner for the San Joaquin District, has made the following report to the State Board, under date of June 30, 1877:

A review of the progress made in viticulture in this district since my last report is very gratifying. Two years ago the only counties that made any pretensions toward vine-growing were Fresno, Kings and Kern. Fresno, while now the greatest interest is taken in viticulture throughout the whole San Joaquin valley, there has been an enormous increase in the number of vineyards and raisin grapes, notably in Fresno county.

It has been impossible to obtain an exact estimate of the acreage planted in vines in San Joaquin county, for the reason that the lands were long since divided into comparatively small holdings, and as they are almost universally fine and nearly all well adapted to growing vines, many small vineyards have been planted, the exact acreage of which, has been impossible to obtain. However, I consider 2,000 acres a low estimate, and I am pleased to note in this connection that nearly all the vineyards that have been planted in the past two years have been planted in the best varieties of vines, the preference for wine grapes being for the Tannet, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Pinot Noir, Malbec, St. Macaire, Petit Pouilleux, Troncaud, and Maturo. For table grapes, the Tannet, Blanche, Petit Pouilleux, and Colmar are the most popular varieties. For table grapes, the Black Prince, Tokay, Emperor and Black Fernan, are almost exclusively used.

I would urge the planting of resistant stocks in all cases, the extra expense being amply repaid by the permanency of the vineyard secured thereby.

PROSPECTS OF INCREASED ACREAGE. It is probable that the coming winter will see a large increase in the acreage of vines, as the profits derived from the industry in this section have been so large, and the yield being phenomenally heavy and the quality of the product excellent. San Joaquin county is so situated that both wine and table grapes can be produced. No vineyard is planted in this county for the reason that the season for drying is so short as to make the venture hazardous.

TABLE GRAPES. Table grapes of a quality unequalled are produced in this district, and around Stockton, and a considerable acreage is devoted to their culture. These grapes are mostly shipped to the Eastern markets, and the profits to the growers are very large. I look for wonderful increases in this branch of the industry. Lands can be purchased at from \$50 to \$150 per acre, according to location, and many of our vineyard farms are well situated and sold at these figures during the coming winter.

No irrigation whatever is required for the growth of the vine in any part of San Joaquin county, and wherever it is practiced unnecessarily, it is at the expense of the product.

STANISLAUS AND MERCED COUNTIES. Stanislaus and Merced counties are just awakening to the importance of grape growing to the future development of their lands. Both these counties contain a small acreage of old vines and a considerable acreage of vines of recent plantation. Good vines have been made in both counties, and with the better varieties of vines now being planted we may reasonably expect an improvement in the product. Vines of excellent quality are now being produced, as the warm dry nights would seem especially adapted to the curing of the grape. Both of these counties contain considerable acreage of all which has been devoted to wheat-growing.

Several irrigation schemes are assuming definite shape, and the water which will soon be placed on the market. It is probable that both Stanislaus and Merced counties will make the same rapid advancement that has been made in the more southern part of the district.

FRESNO COUNTY. No county in the district can show such wonderful development in so short a time as Fresno. At the time of my last report the acreage of this county was reported at 7,500 acres, while now it will be seen from the statistics appended to this report that nearly 15,000 acres are planted in raisin and wine grapes, of which 9,000 acres are in raisin grapes, and 6,000 acres in wine grapes. The profits from both branches of the industry are satisfactory to the growers.

The vintage of last season amounted to about 1,500,000 gallons of wine, and the quantity which has been sold at remunerative prices. The vintage of 1887 will be much heavier, as a large acreage of young vines will be in bearing. The acreage of the young plant of Fresno county is devoted exclusively to port, sherry and brandy vineyards. This county is well adapted to the growing of these vines, and the profits are large. The vineyard industry in Fresno county is well adapted to the growing of these vines, and the profits are large.

A few years ago Fresno county was the county in the immediate vicinity of Fresno City, but lately large tracts of land both north and south have been brought under irrigation and planted in vines.

The vineyards around Mantua and Madera, in the northern part of this county, are devoted almost exclusively to wine-growing, while around Fowler, Selma and Kingsburg, on the south, the preference is given to raisins. Appended to this report will be found a complete list of the vineyards of Fresno county, together with the number of acres and varieties of vines planted by each. Had it been practicable I should have made a similar list from the other counties in my district, but the acreage of vines did not warrant the expenditure which would have been required to canvass such a large territory.

TULARE COUNTY. Tulare county is realizing the fact that she has considerable areas of land well adapted to grape growing, but it is only within the past three years that any important plantations have been made. There are probably a few acres of vines in the county principally in raisin grapes, and as the conditions are similar, her products will undoubtedly equal those of Fresno in excellence.

Kern county has also planted a considerable acreage of vineyard in the past few years, and as a heavy immigration is pouring into the whole San Joaquin valley, it will be but a short time before the wonderful resources of this county will be more fully developed. Regarding the future of the industry in general I have no fears. Prices for grapes this season are very low, but I do not believe the depression will be of long duration.

The business of condensing must is in its infancy, and when fully developed will undoubtedly receive the market of a large part of the surplus crop. Our principal trouble has arisen from the fact that our vines have been marketed too young, but I believe most growers will now hold them until they are properly matured, and sales in the East will be materially increased in consequence.

The dance for drunkards—the reel.

THE MAN WITH THE MUSKET.

They are building as Babel was built, to the sky. With clay and mud, and mortar, and lime. They are piling up monuments massive and high. And the passionate green-lashed girl of the grove. And the passionate green-lashed girl of the grove. And the passionate green-lashed girl of the grove.

In a whimsical riddle of stone. And the passionate green-lashed girl of the grove. And the passionate green-lashed girl of the grove. And the passionate green-lashed girl of the grove.

But I will pass from this age of renown. This anti-lull, communion and strife. Pass by where the musketeers and musketeers look down. With their fast-fused gestures of life.

Oh, out to the nameless who lie 'neath the eaves. Of the playing cypress and pine. Your man is the man of the sword and the muse. But the man with the musket is mine.

I know him! By all that is noble, I know. This common-place hero's name. I've camped with him, marched with him. I've fought with him, and with his flame. In the swiftness of his battle-charge. Laughed with him, and with him taken part. Of his content and discontent. And known. That the throbs of this chivalrous prairie boy's heart.

Was an answering stroke of my own! I know him, I tell you! And, also, I know. That the poor battered boy who wears this blue. Was only a plank in the bridge. Over which some shadowy figure came. That shall shine white like the high stars shall.

Yes, he is known by an echoing name. But the man of the musket is mine. I know him! By all that is noble, I know. This common-place hero's name.

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WENT A FISHING.

MEMORIES CLUSTERING AROUND DECOMATION DAY.

Eloquent Tribute by Gov. Foraker of Ohio, and some very Pointed Reflections.

Governor Foraker, of Ohio, in closing a recent campaign speech delivered at Middletown in that State, said:

Now let us consider further. Have you ever stopped to think what a world of beautiful, sacred and holy thought is connected with Decoration Day? Yes, I know you have, because you are a patriotic people. I do not need, therefore, to dwell upon the significance of the day. But allow me to briefly call that picture which is presented by the loyal people of this country every 30th day of May.

As the day approaches the warm sunshine of spring time brings out the flowers. As they peep and bud, bloom and blossom, the mothers and widows and orphans note their country and her heroes with an anxious care for the brightest and most beautiful. They have a special use for them. They are thinking of the dark and dreary days of 1861 and 1862. They are recalling the valorous deeds of the brave men, fathers, who volunteered and marched away after the flag, never to return again.

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BROKE HIM IN.

A Brave Young Wife Successfully Reforming a Profligate Husband.

Not very long ago a young woman of this city married a man to whom her friends had many objections. His ways were not the ways of a gentleman, and he was not very familiar with the paths of peace. He had wandered aimlessly through the mazes of dissipation, and there were those who looked upon him with contempt.

Some of his friends, however, were of the opinion that he was a man of average respectability. Why he should wish to marry at all was the question among his friends, and the minds of the opposition were haunted by the specter of womanhood wrecked and a fortune squandered.

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THE NEGLECTED PATERN.

A Weaver sat one day at his loom. Among the colors bright. With the pattern for his copying. He was in a position. Then they waited for the snake to die. For ten days they watched their prey, but his tenacity probably found the spider's parlor very comfortable. He lived until he was killed by the janitor, and was exhibited to the pupils as a unique scientific study.

The Pope's Income. A foreign diplomat, accredited at Rome gives the following account of the Pope's revenue and of the way in which it is spent. It is derived from three sources. 1. The income of an enormous sum left by Pio Nono to the pontifical treasury, and invested in the English public funds. This interest amounts to about 3,000,000 lire, or about \$1,200,000. Leo XIII. is a great speculator, and subscribes to the Italian loans in order to sell when the values rise and invest the profits in the English consolidated fund. 2. The proceeds of Peter's Pence. This branch of the revenue has suffered greatly in recent years, but nevertheless, the average amount was about 2,000,000 lire, or about \$800,000. These are paid to the pope as a pension for his holiness. It is distributed by the Chamberlain among the Cardinals residing in Rome. Each Cardinal receives an annuity of 10,000 lire, or about \$4,000. The Pope's income is also derived from the sale of the papal bulls, the Cardinals' salaries, the salaries of the guards of the Pontifical body, etc. 3. The extraordinary part of the Papal revenue is derived from the receipts of the apostolic chancery. The items include the sums received for the titles of nobility, and the privileges of the altar, private chapels, dispensations, ecclesiastical titles, and many other things. This department yields about 2,500,000 lire, or about \$1,000,000. The whole amount of income of Leo XIII. reaches the enormous sum of about \$3,000,000.—*Pull Mail Gazette.*

Press Censorship in Italy. Printing in Italy is still subject to strict censorship laws. Any publication which may offend the authorities is at once seized and the offending copies confiscated. The most popular journal in Rome is the *Il Messaggero*, turning its title over into English. The other morning the editor, who had delivered a copy to the censor, and had the manuscript of one of his articles, was notified that he must stop the press, distribute the type in the presence of the police and destroy what copies he had on hand. This was done, and the offending article was never published. The editor, who was a man of great energy and courage, was not deterred by this, and the next morning he published the article in a different form, and the censor was obliged to let it pass.

A Hat Catcher. John Gregory of New York, is a professional rat catcher. He recently cleared Jay Gould's steam yacht Atlantic of rats and secured \$200 for the job, and has made a contract to keep her clear of rats for \$200 a year.

He is employed by such men as Baldwin, Lord, and Bonner as a rat catcher, to keep their houses free of rats. He is a very busy man, and his work well makes money. A branch of his business was furnishing the New York rat men with live rodents, when some of the rats were put in the holes.

In clearing a stable, cellar or steamer of rats he uses from five to ten ferrets, two terriers and a rat net. The dogs sent to hunt the rats are put in the holes, where they run into the rats. Sometimes a rat shows battle to protect her young, but the ferret is not deterred by this, and only one rat out of ten is killed. The rest of the rats run into the holes and then the dogs kill them. A ferret net is used to catch the rats, and the rats are then killed by the dogs. The ferrets are very useful in clearing a house of rats, and the rats are very useful in clearing a house of rats.

It costs a large amount of money to keep a stock of ferrets for this business, as the ferrets are very expensive, and the rats are very useful in clearing a house of rats. The ferrets are very useful in clearing a house of rats, and the rats are very useful in clearing a house of rats.

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